

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
a keyboard to enable text entry; and
~~an interface; and~~
a controller ~~communicatively coupled to the interface, the controller to detect~~
when a processor-based system enters a text entry mode and a key activation and to adjust a
cursor of a pointing device in response to detection of the entry into the text entry mode,
~~detecting the key activation, said adjustment of said~~ changing the mode of operation of a cursor
to avoid inadvertent interruption of text entry-user input.
2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller moves the cursor to a pre-selected area on a display device in response to detection of the entry into the text entry mode ~~detecting the key activation.~~
3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller prevents movement of the cursor in response to detection of the entry into the text entry mode ~~detecting the key activation.~~
4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller reduces at least one of a movement and sensitivity of the cursor in response to detection of the entry into the text entry mode ~~detecting the key activation.~~
5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller adjusts the cursor in response to activation of a selected key.
6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller adjusts the cursor until text entry-key activation is no longer detected.
7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller hides the cursor from view in response to detection of the entry into the text entry mode ~~detecting the key activation.~~

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller adjusts the cursor of one of a trackball device, touch pad device, and mouse device.

9. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller detects a selection of a key of ~~[[a]]~~ said keyboard.

10. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
detecting the entry of a processor-based system into a text entry mode ~~a selection of at least one key of a keyboard~~; and
adjusting a cursor of a pointing device in response to detecting the entry into the text entry mode ~~selection of the at least one key~~, said adjustment of said cursor to reduce accidental interruption of text entry ~~user input~~.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein adjusting the cursor comprises moving the cursor to a pre-selected area of a graphical user interface.

12. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein adjusting the cursor comprises re-sizing the cursor in response to detecting the selection of the at least one key.

13. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein adjusting the cursor comprises preventing the cursor from moving.

14. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein adjusting the cursor comprises adjusting the cursor based on a selection of a pre-selected key.

15. (Currently Amended) An article comprising one or more machine-readable storage media containing instructions that when executed enable a processor to:
receive an option to control a cursor of a pointing device in response to detecting the entry into a text entry mode ~~a key activation~~, said control of said cursor to reduce the likelihood of accidental interruption of text entry ~~user input~~; and
store the option in a storage unit.

16. (Original) The article of claim 15, wherein the instructions when executed enable the processor to receive the option comprising at least one of moving the cursor to a preselected area on a display device, freezing the position of the cursor, and adjusting the size of the cursor.

17. (Currently Amended) An article comprising one or more machine-readable storage media containing instructions that when executed enable a processor to:

configure an option to control a cursor of a pointing device, said control of said cursor to enable the text entry~~user input~~ without accidental interference from said pointing device;

detect the entry into a text entry mode~~a key activation~~; and

control said cursor of said pointing device in response to detecting ~~[[the]]~~ key activation in the text entry mode.

18. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 17, wherein the instructions when executed enable the processor to lock the cursor of the pointing device at a selected position in response to detecting the entry into the text entry mode~~the key activation~~.

19. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 17, wherein the instructions when executed enable the processor to move the cursor of the pointing device to a selected area on a display device in response to detecting the entry into the text entry mode~~the key activation~~.

20. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 17, wherein the instructions when executed enable the processor to resize the cursor of the pointing device to a selected size in response to detecting the entry into the text entry mode~~the key activation~~.

21. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 17, wherein the instructions when executed enable the processor to adjust the sensitivity of the pointing device in response to detecting the entry into the text entry mode~~the key activation~~.

22. (Original) The article of claim 17, wherein the instructions when executed enable the processor to control the cursor of the pointing device based on the key activation of one or more pre-selected keys.

23. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
a pointing device;
an interface; and
a controller communicatively coupled to the interface, the controller to adjust the operation of a cursor of the pointing device in response to the entry into a ~~during~~ text-entry mode, said cursor adjustment ~~cursor to be adjusted~~ to enable text entry ~~user input~~ without accidental interference from said pointing device.

24. (Original) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the controller disables the movement of the cursor during the text-entry mode.

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the controller adjusts the cursor based on a location of a selected key during the text-entry mode relative to the location of the pointing device.

26. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
a pointing device;
a keyboard having ~~one or more~~ keys; and
a controller to detect entry into a text entry mode and to change the operation of the pointing device cursor in response to detection of entry into the text entry mode, the change in operation of the cursor to enable text entry ~~adjust a cursor of the pointing device in response to detecting activation of the one or more keys of the keyboard, said adjustment of said cursor to enable key activation~~ without unwanted input from said pointing device.

27. (Original) The system of claim 26, wherein the keyboard comprises the pointing device and wherein the pointing device is at least one of a trackball device, mouse device, and touch pad device.

28. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the controller moves the cursor to a pre-selected area on a display device in response to detecting entry into the text entry mode ~~the activation of the one or more keys of the keyboard~~.

29. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the controller prevents the cursor from moving in response to detecting entry into the text entry mode ~~the activation of the one or more keys of the keyboard.~~

30. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the controller stops adjusting the cursor of the pointing device if text entry has stopped ~~no activation of the one or more keys is detected.~~